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Ar. Frederick G. Dutton Executive Director National Town Meeting 1990 M Street, N. W. Suite 360 Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Dutton:

Thank you for your patience in a response to your kind letter of September 30th. As you know, I have been out of town. You do flatter me by your invitation to participate in the very significant program, the "National Town Meeting." I do believe, however, that this particular period would not be very propitious for me to appear in such a forum, in view of the recent rash of publicity that we have had. Consequently, I would like to accept with great pleasure in principle to appear at the Town Meeting, but request your indulgence to delay this some weeks or months to a more propitious time during the winter or spring. I nonestly believe that this would be a more fruitful procedure from the point of view of your audience, as it would enable us to focus on more significant aspects of our foreign intelligence needs. I hope this arrangement might be agreeable to you and that we will find a time at which I can contribute to your fine program.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby Director

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